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Top Stories

- Apple Inc. and four other companies in its supply chain are headed to court in San Diego today seeking $27 billion in damages against Qualcomm Inc., which is accused of overcharging for chip royalties, with Apple CEO Tim Cook expected to testify during the four-week trial. The chipmaker has denied wrongdoing and is asking for billions in damages and at least $7 billion in back pay from Apple in the case. (Financial Times)

- Law enforcement use of a Google database called Sensorvault, which contains the company's cellphone location data from hundreds of millions of devices globally for nearly a decade, has increased sharply over the past six months, according to Google employees familiar with the data requests, with one employee saying they've received as many as 180 requests in one week.

Police and investigators use Sensorvault as a virtual dragnet, but innocent people have been caught up in the sweeping effort to find suspects or witnesses. (The New York Times)

- The FBI National Academy Associates Inc., a nonprofit for the alumni of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, said records for hundreds of law enforcement employees, including home addresses and phone numbers, were posted online by a hacker group after apparently being stolen from three websites associated with local chapters. The nonprofit, which is working with federal authorities to investigate the breach, said all three websites were using third-party software and that the national database itself was not impacted. (The Associated Press)

Chart Review

Trump administration denied almost a third of new H-1B visas last quarter
Axios

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

04/15/2019

Cato Institute on government regulation of social media content	12:00 pm
FCBA Video Programming and Distribution Committee brown bag lunch on ATSC 3.0	12:00 pm

04/16/2019

LocoMoco Security Conference

04/17/2019

HardwareCon 2019	
LocoMoco Security Conference	
Cato Institute event on "The Twenty-Six Words That Created the Internet"	12:00 pm
NTIA BroadbandUSA webinar	2:00 pm
New America's discussion on how to innovate government	6:00 pm

04/18/2019

HardwareCon 2019	
LocoMoco Security Conference	
TechCrunch Sessions: Robotics + AI 2019	8:00 am
Engine's lunch panel focused on privacy laws in the U.S. and abroad	12:00 pm

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LocoMoco Security Conference

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The Brands That Define American Culture and Commerce

Morning Consult analyzed over 400,000 survey interviews to determine this year's rankings. See who made the list.

General

California to allow testing of light-duty self-driving trucks
Andrew J. Hawkins, The Verge

California would allow for the testing of light-duty autonomous trucks on public roads under a proposed rule announced Friday. The state's Department of Motor Vehicles announced the proposal today, which outlines a permitting process for companies wishing to test or deploy driverless trucks for testing.

Conservative groups defend tech from GOP crackdown
Emily Birnbaum, The Hill

Influential free market and conservative groups are pushing back against Republican lawmakers' calls to rein in big tech companies over allegations of bias. GOP lawmakers have accused tech platforms of bias against conservatives and are looking to take on the industry through antitrust action or by eliminating their legal protections.

Google Quietly Disbanded Another AI Review Board Following Disagreements
Parmy Olson, The Wall Street Journal

Google is disbanding a panel here to review its artificial-intelligence work in health care, people familiar with the matter say, as disagreements about its effectiveness dogged one of the tech industry's highest-profile efforts to govern itself.

Google has opened its first Africa Artificial Intelligence lab in Ghana
Aanu Adeoye, CNN

A rural farmer in Tanzania hovers over a wilting cassava plant with her phone. In seconds she gets a diagnosis of the disease affecting her plant and how best to manage it to boost her production.

Exclusive: Foxconn chairman Gou aims to step down to pave way for younger talent
Yimou Lee, Reuters

The chairman of Taiwan's Foxconn, an assembler of Apple Inc's iPhones, said on Monday he plans to step down in the coming months to pave the way for younger talent to move up the company's ranks.

Amazon is trying to soften its image as regulatory scrutiny of Big Tech grows
Eugene Kim, CNBC

Amazon's relentless pursuit of growth in retail, cloud computing, advertising and consumer devices has put the company squarely in the sights of Washington lawmakers who are concerned about Big Tech's growing influence over consumers. But rather than fiercely fighting every battle, Amazon looks like its ready to play nice.

Stocks Drift Higher Before Earnings; Bonds Steady: Markets Wrap
Todd White and Yakob Peterseil, Bloomberg

Stocks in Europe edged higher alongside U.S. equity futures Monday as investors turned modestly optimistic over the next batch of corporate earnings. Treasuries held steady with the dollar.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Europe backs copyright overhaul that threatens to hit YouTube and Facebook hard
Ryan Browne, CNBC

EU countries approved sweeping reforms to the bloc's copyright laws on Monday, marking a symbolic end to a political battle that has pitted tech giants against high-profile media figures. The copyright directive was backed by 19 countries at an EU Council vote, with six member states - including Italy and the Netherlands - voting against it.

Tweet complaining about DMCA takedown abuse gets hit with DMCA takedown
Jon Porter, The Verge

A tweet from the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) that complained about an abusive DMCA takedown request has itself been hit with a DMCA takedown request. The EFF notes that the tweet in question linked to a TorrentFreak article about a number of leaked TV shows.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

German regulator says Huawei can stay in 5G race
Tobias Buck, Financial Times

Germany's telecoms regulator has given the clearest signal yet that equipment maker Huawei will not be excluded from the buildout of the country's superfast 5G network, despite fierce pressure from the US to shut out the controversial Chinese supplier for security reasons.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Facebook Adds PayPal Exec to Board as Netflix's Hastings Leaves
Andrew Pollack and Anousha Sakoui, Bloomberg

Facebook Inc. nominated Peggy Alford, an executive at PayPal Holdings Inc., to its board while longtime directors Netflix Inc. Chief Executive Officer Reed Hastings and Erskine Bowles, a former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton, will step down.

Facebook and Google Get an Unusual Crew of Allies in Europe
Bojan Pancevski, The Wall Street Journal

U.S. internet giants fighting regulatory pressure in Europe have gained support from an array of political forces that would ordinarily battle each other. In recent months, nativist and anti-European Union parties have joined left-wing groups, privacy campaigners and open-internet activists in opposing legislation that would require tougher regulation of online content.

Facebook's activist shareholders are making another dramatic bid to oust Mark Zuckerberg and abolish the firm's share structure
Jake Kanter, Business Insider

Activist Facebook investors are again going to try to oust Mark Zuckerberg as chairman and abolish what they see as the firm's unfair share structure. In a Securities and Exchange Commission filing on Friday, Facebook gave notice of its annual shareholder meeting on May 30 and confirmed the investor proposals that will be voted on during the event.

Huawei is 'open' to selling 5G chips to Apple for iPhones, marking a big shift in strategy
Arjun Kharpal, CNBC

Huawei is "open" to selling high-speed 5G chips and other silicon to rival

smartphone maker Apple, marking a significant shift in the Chinese tech giant's thinking toward its own intellectual property. The world's largest networking equipment maker has been in the consumer market for a relatively short amount of time with its own-brand smartphones, but it has quickly risen to become the third-largest vendor by market share.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

The Russians are screwing with the GPS system to send bogus navigation data to thousands of ships
Jim Edwards, Business Insider

On May 15, 2018, under a sunny sky, Russian President Vladimir Putin drove a bright orange truck in a convoy of construction vehicles for the opening of the Kerch Bridge from Russia to Crimea. At 11 miles long, it is now the longest bridge in either Europe or Russia.

Hackers Could Read Your Hotmail, MSN, and Outlook Emails by Abusing Microsoft Support
Joseph Cox, Motherboard

A hacker or group of hackers had first broken into a customer support account for Microsoft, and then used that to gain access to information related to customers' email accounts such as the subject lines of their emails and who they've communicated with. But the issue is much worse than previously reported, with the hackers able to access email content from a large number of Outlook, MSN, and Hotmail email accounts, according to a source who witnessed the attack in action and described it before Microsoft's statement, as well as screenshots provided to Motherboard.

One Month, 500,000 Face Scans: How China Is Using A.I. to Profile a Minority
Paul Mozur, The New York Times

The Chinese government has drawn wide international condemnation for its harsh crackdown on ethnic Muslims in its western region, including holding as many as a million of them in detention camps. Now, documents and interviews show that the authorities are also using a vast, secret system of advanced facial recognition technology to track and control the Uighurs, a largely Muslim

minority.

The U.S. Is Losing a Major Front to China in the New Cold War
Lulu Yilun Chen and Yoolim Lee, Bloomberg

A swathe of the world is adopting China's vision for a tightly controlled internet over the unfettered American approach, a stunning ideological coup for Beijing that would have been unthinkable less than a decade ago. Vietnam and Thailand are among the Southeast Asian nations warming to a governance model that twins sweeping content curbs with uncompromising data controls - because it helps preserve the regime in power.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Facebook's reckoning? The global battle to regulate social media
Richard Waters and Hannah Murphy, Financial Times

Nearly 10 years ago, an Italian court handed down six-month suspended prison sentences to three senior Google executives. Their crime: failing to prevent the internet company from hosting a user's video showing an autistic child being bullied.

The problem with the tech IPO economy
Gwynn Guilford, Quartz

The business strategy that will land Uber on the NYSE hinges on a key element: staggering sums of venture capital money. These investments let Uber and similar tech startups collect users by undercharging them.

Kara Swisher has no plans to stop calling out Big Tech CEOs
Julia Waldow, CNN

Mark Zuckerberg may be the billionaire ruler of Facebook and Jack Dorsey the king of Twitter, but it's journalist Kara Swisher who holds them, and their companies, accountable.

Research Reports

Is China Catching Up to the United States in Innovation?

Robert D. Atkinson and Caleb Foote, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

If China were only a copier, then the competitive threat to advanced economies would be limited. But there is no reason to believe China won't follow the path of "Asian tigers" that rapidly evolved from copiers to innovators, which poses a serious threat.

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